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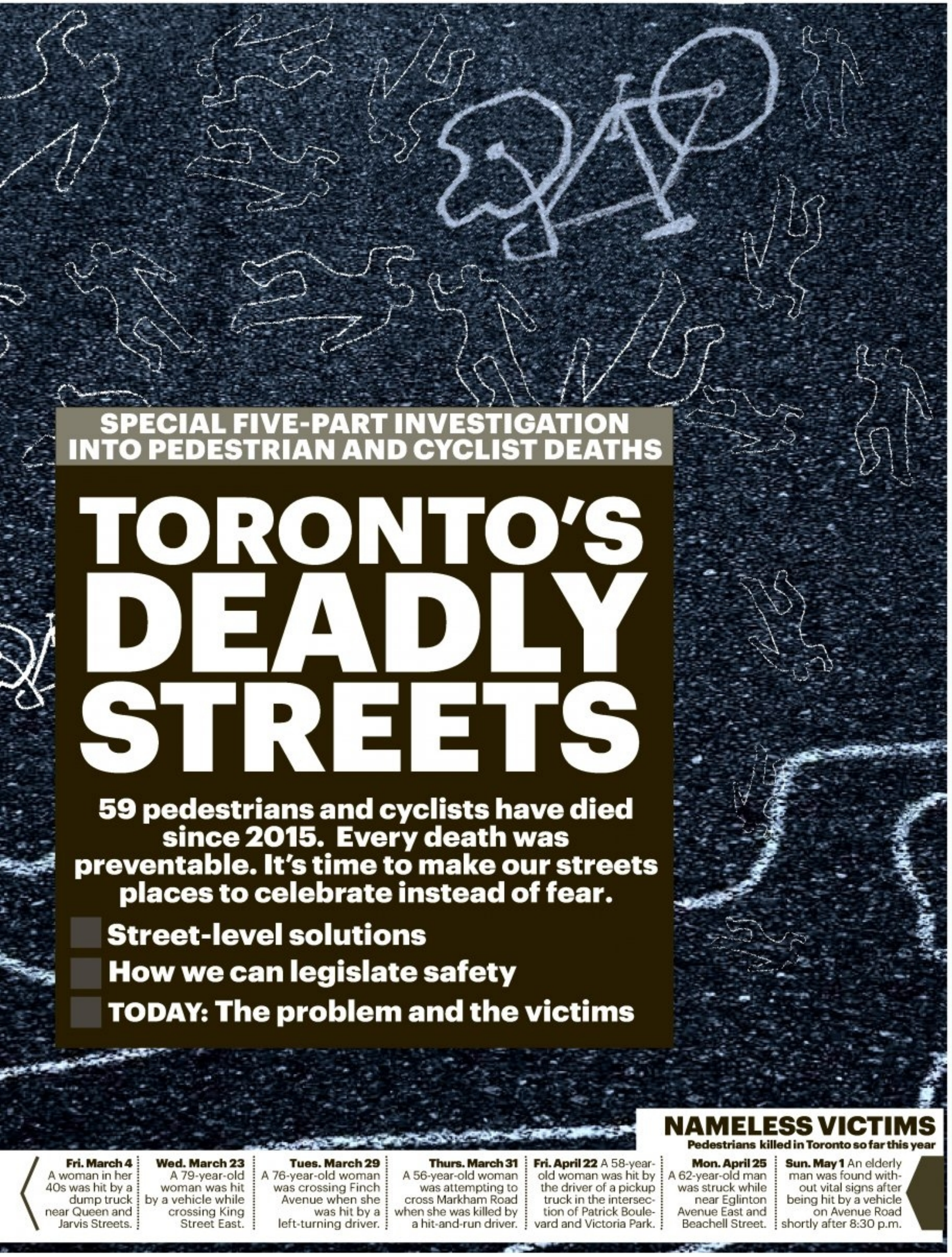

SPECIAL FIVE-PART INVESTIGATION INTO PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST DEATHS

TORONTO'S DEADLY STREETS

59 pedestrians and cyclists have died since 2015. Every death was preventable. It's time to make our streets places to celebrate instead of fear.

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NAMELESS VICTIMS

Pedestrians killed in Toronto so far this year

Fri. March 4 A woman in her 40s was hit by a dump truck near Queen and Jarvis Streets.

Wed. March 23 A 79-year-old woman was hit by a vehicle while crossing King Street East.

Tues. March 29 A 76-year-old woman was crossing Finch Avenue when she was hit by a left-turning driver.

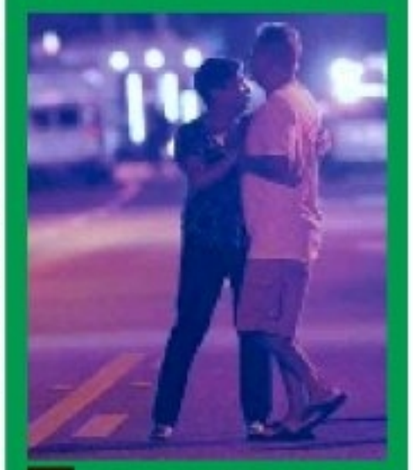
Thurs. March 31 A 56-year-old woman was attempting to cross Markham Road when she was killed by a hit-and-run driver.

Fri. April 22 A 58-year-old woman was hit by the driver of a pickup truck in the intersection of Patrick Boulevard and Victoria Park.

Mon. April 25 A 62-year-old man was struck while near Eglinton Avenue East and Beachell Street.

Sun. May 1 An elderly man was found without vital signs after being hit by a vehicle on Avenue Road shortly after 8:30 p.m.

ORLANDO SHOOTING



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SEXUAL ASSAULT

STANFORD CASE PROMPTS PARENTS TO TALK CONSENT

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Men console each other as new reports come over the TV about the shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Fla. on Sunday. A sombre President Barack Obama expressed grief and outrage at the "horrific massacre" of 50 late-night revellers at an Orlando gay club, branding it as an act of terror and hate. MANDEL NGAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

'An injury to us all'

ORLANDO SHOOTING

Toronto LGBT community holds vigil after mass killing

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Members of Toronto LGBT community have vowed not to be deterred by violent attacks like the one in Orlando this weekend.

"These attacks are meant to instil fear, but I encourage people to come out and show solidarity," said Pride Toronto board co-chair Alica Hall. "We are going to continue to be proud and celebrate who we are, as we stand against homophobia."

In what's being described as the deadliest mass killing in the United States, gunman murdered at least 49 people and injured many more at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando.

The suspect has been identified as 29-year-old Omar Mateen, a U.S. citizen. He died at the scene in a gunfight with police.

As Toronto celebrates Pride Month, Hall said the community will continue to work closely with security organizations.

"Toronto Police are actively reassessing the security of all Pride events for the month so that Toronto can celebrate inclusively, safely," Police Chief Mark Saunders said on Twitter Sunday.

Acts of violence are still a reality for many members of the global LGBT community Hall said. Despite many positive strides in legal and social acceptance, she described LGBT progress as "fragile."

"Our community has existed since the beginning of time, but our visibility is still new," she said, noting various social, political and religious groups have yet to understand and accept LGBT people.

El-Farouk Khaki, founder of Toronto's LGBT-friendly Unity Mosque, called the Orlando attacks "horrific."

"The injury to an LGBT person is an injury to all of us," he said. "I'm tired that we're having to deal with this kind of hatred again."

Khaki said homophobic attacks are not a reflection of any religious faith, noting leaders in Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities all condemned the events in Orlando.

"Religious leaders especially have an obligation to preach the message of human dignity and tolerance," he said.

A candlelight vigil took place at Barbara Hall Park Sunday evening in Toronto's Gay Village, and the city's Toronto sign was lit up in rainbow colours to show solidarity for the victims.

"My heart goes out to everyone in Orlando but especially to the LGBT community there and here," Mayor John Tory said during a press conference Sunday.

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Decriminalize marijuana before legalizing it, NDP urges Liberals.

TORONTO'S DEADLY STREETS A FIVE-PART SPECIAL REPORT

Road deaths are preventable

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Conversation about streets must focus on the vulnerable

Angela Mullins
MANAGING EDITOR
Metro | Toronto

This has to stop.

Pedestrians and cyclists are dying at an alarming rate in Toronto, plowed down as they brave crosswalks in broad daylight and pinned to curbs as they fight for their fair share of the road.

Fifty-nine have died since January 2015 alone — more than the number of people killed by guns in the last three years combined.

Yet, for these victims, death came quietly.

Their names went undisclosed, turning them into faceless statistics.

There were no flashy news conferences as police celebrated arrests and criminal charges and vowed to clean up "those dangerous streets."

The drivers will likely walk away with fines equal to less than a month's rent despite being at fault nearly 70 per cent of the time. Calls for meaningful action have been muted, if not absent altogether.

It's time to change the narrative.

The cyclist killed in this June 11, 2015 crash on Finch Avenue at Tobermory Drive was one of 43 pedestrians and cyclists killed last year on Toronto streets. VICTOR BIRO/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Pedestrians and cyclists must be at the forefront of the city's road-safety overhaul, and Queen's Park must adopt new laws that allow for more than a tap on the wrist for people who turn cars into weapons.

It means reducing speed limits, adding more crosswalks to the car-thick belly of urban sprawl, investing in more separated cycle tracks and tweaking traffic signals to prioritize walkers. It means empowering judges to treat motorists who kill like criminals. It means mustering the political will to admit that safe streets start with good design, and that falls squarely on the shoulders of city hall.

Over the next five days, the pages of Metro will be dedicated to a special investigation aimed at jump-starting a discussion about fixing Toronto's deadly streets.

You'll meet victims as well as people like Maisie Le Blanc, whose husband was killed by a careless driver while cycling in Scarborough.

You'll learn about cities around the world that have given drivers a back seat to other road users.

"Calls for meaningful action have been muted, if not absent altogether.

And you'll learn more about why the city's new road-safety plan is such a critical turning point for building a better Toronto.

Safe, well-designed streets are the lifeblood of a vibrant city, but building them takes more than politicians and traffic planners.

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TORONTO'S DEADLY STREETS A FIVE-PART SPECIAL REPORT

City 'inaction' blamed

CULTURAL SHIFT

Initiatives in other regions a map to follow for city council

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A 79-year-old man is hit and killed while crossing Sheppard Avenue E. mid-block near a bus stop. The nearest crosswalk is more than 500 metres away.

A seven-year-old girl dies after being run over by a turning truck near her home in Leaside. The driver avoids jail time and, now, "slow down, kids at play" signs dot lawns across the city.

A 35-year-old beloved teacher and father of two is killed by a hit-and-run driver while cycling in downtown Toronto. His grieving father regrets buying him the bike he was riding.

These are just a few stories of Toronto's deadly streets. There are countless others, but many are next to impossible to tell. Too often all we learn about the victims is an age and an intersection. Unlike other crimes, police seldom identify those killed on the road.

What little we do know comes from the few families who've stepped forward to call for change. You'll meet some of them during Metro's five-part series.

Meanwhile, the statistics behind our deadly streets are all too public. The city keeps meticulous records of collisions, deaths and injuries, and the portrait painted by the data is shocking.

A pedestrian is hit by someone driving a motor vehicle every three-and-a-half hours in Toronto, and a cyclist is hit every eight hours, according to city data. Based on 2015 numbers, vulnerable road users — those on two feet or two wheels — are being killed on our roads at a rate approaching one a week.

Our own history shows us road fatalities are a problem that can be solved. Since 1990, the number of drivers and passengers killed in Toronto has declined significantly: from a high of 56 in 1992 to a low of 15 in 2011.

Experts say that's largely the result of design: we've built safer cars, divided our highways, installed medians and refined signal timing at intersections.

Vulnerable road users, however, have not benefitted from those changes. In fact, the proportion of road deaths in Toronto involving cyclists and pedestrians has risen nearly 20 per cent since 1990. Pedestrian deaths have been trending upward steadily since 2012.

"Frankly, the numbers highlight the contemptible inaction by governments in view of the available safety measures to save lives," said Albert Koehl, a lawyer and strident road safety advocate in Toronto.

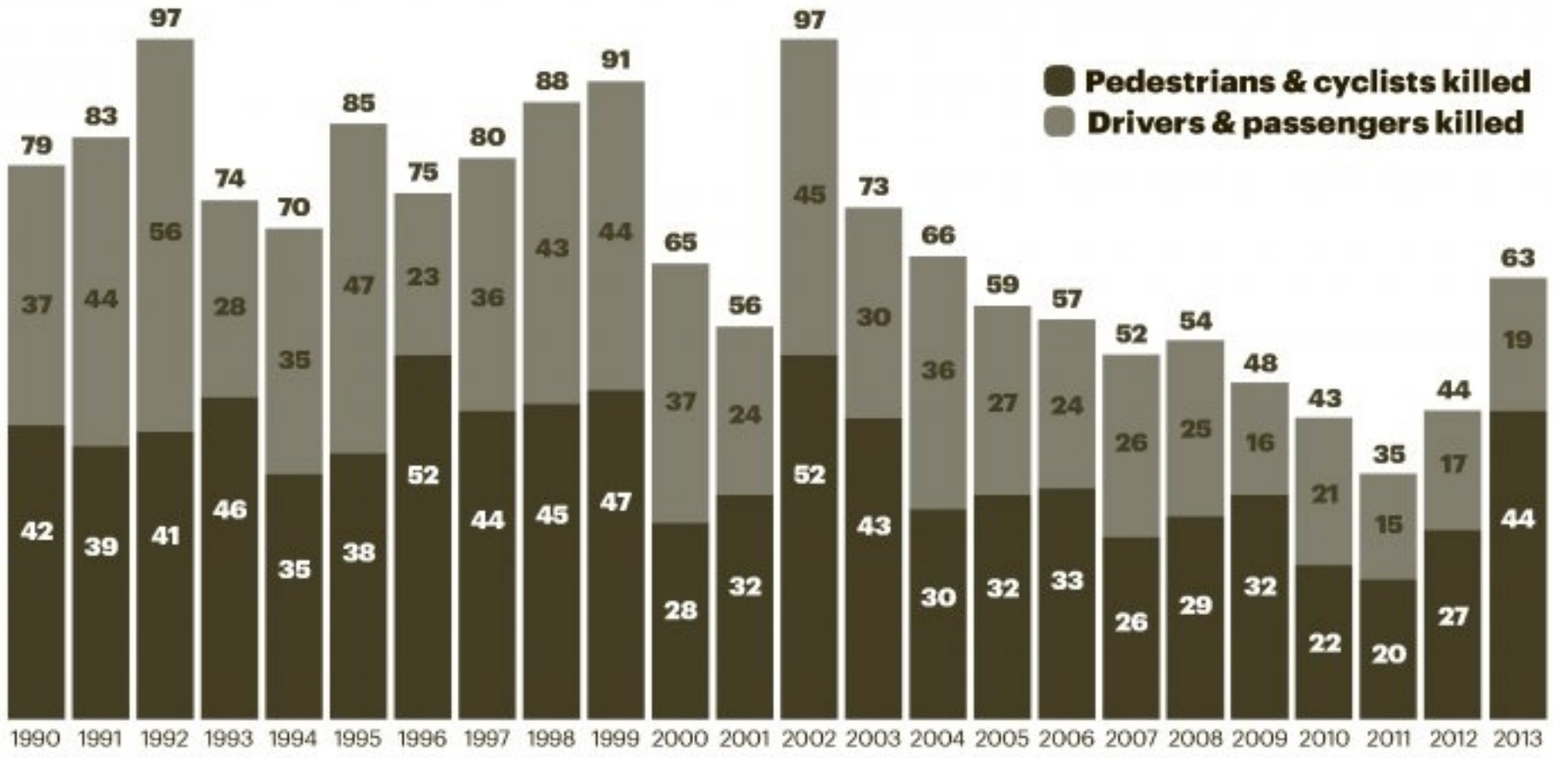
And, while safety campaigns encourage pedestrians to wear bright clothing or, in one absurd case, carry flashlights, numbers show the majority of people killed are innocent victims. According to a 2015 Toronto Public Health report, the majority — 67 per cent — of pedestrian fatalities can be attributed to driver error.

Despite the statistics, Toronto has been reluctant to change lanes on road safety. Most requests for new crosswalks in the city are denied, separated bike lanes are few and far between and council balked at a 2012 request by the chief medical health officer to reduce speed limits citywide.

Just last week, a debate about Toronto's new cycling plan prompted some councillors to decry "the war on the car" and raise the spectre of "psycho cyclists."

Toronto is trying to address the problem.

Between 2014 and 2015, the city upgraded some 300 pedestrian crossovers and crosswalks and added controlled crossings to 55 locations. But, the interventions aren't working: last year was the second-worst year for pedestrian and cyclist deaths



The chart above illustrates how Toronto's roads have become safer for drivers and motor vehicle passengers over time, but no less deadly for pedestrians and cyclists. CITY OF TORONTO

> **The numbers highlight the inaction by governments in view of the available safety measures to save lives.** Albert Koehl

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in the past decade, marking 43 deaths. Sixteen have died so far this year — all pedestrians.

The tide may be turning. Coun. Jaye Robinson, chair of the public works committee, is leading the charge on a new road safety plan.

"We're going to shine a spotlight on the issue like never before," Robinson told Metro.

However, the plan — with a first draft due Monday — will still have to pass council, where members seem unwilling to implement strategies to save lives if they inconvenience drivers. It was less than four years ago that council voted to remove the protected bike lane on Jarvis Street to save car commuters a few minutes.

It's that culture, where the risks to human life and health are weighed against the mobility of motor vehicles, that must change, advocates say. "Convenience should never trump safety" is the oft-repeated mantra of Cycle Toronto director Jared Kolb.

Fortunately, Toronto doesn't have to tackle the issue in a vacuum. Other cities and countries have taken measures to curb traffic fatalities, and a consensus is emerging around best practices.

In Sweden, traffic fatalities have been cut in half since the late 1990s through a mix of lower speed limits and radically redesigned roadways.

Closer to home, New York's ambitious new road safety measures — which include making it a criminal offence for drivers not to yield to pedestrians — have reduced fatalities to levels not seen since the start of the 20th century.

Those jurisdictions, and others, have laid down the roadmap for the future of our streets. Toronto doesn't have to reinvent the wheel — it just has to change gears.

ADVOCATES | From planners to politicians, cyclists to pedestrians, a growing chorus of Torontonians is joining Metro's call for the city to fix our deadly streets.

"Until a driver's licence is seen as a privilege and not a right, and our laws reflect the obvious vulnerability of pedestrians, cyclists and the disabled, the horrific and unnecessary carnage on our streets will continue."
— **Patrick Brown,** lawyer and safe streets advocate

"When a person walking or riding a bicycle is killed where there is no safe infrastructure, it is clearly the fault of the government."
— **Gil Penalosa,** founder of 8-80 Cities

"Sixty-five people died in traffic collisions last year. If that many people died in a plane crash, we'd declare a state of emergency. We must eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries on our streets."
— **Jared Kolb,** executive director of Cycle Toronto

"All indicators are that my grandchildren will be transit riders, cyclists, and pedestrians. We need streets that are safe for those modes of travel in every corner of our city."
— **Coun. Shelley Carroll**

"Speed and space. We can save thousands of lives by reducing the speed of cars and trucks and by giving more space to pedestrians and cyclists."
— **Albert Koehl,** lawyer and co-founder of Bells on Bloor

"Our 'business as usual' approach to road safety isn't working. Injury and death should not be the price we pay for mobility in a civilized society. No loss of life is acceptable on Toronto's streets."
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'These stories need to be told'

CONSEQUENCES

Widow speaks out about loss of her husband

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

When Maisie Le Blanc's husband, Edouard, retired in 2014, the couple made plans to travel the globe.

They started with something simple: a brief sojourn to see relatives in New Brunswick.

"Little did we know that would be our first and last retirement trip together," Maisie said.

> **My husband left for a bike ride on a Thursday afternoon and never came back.**
> Maisie LeBlanc

On Oct. 9, 2014, Edouard was cycling the Gatineau Hydro Corridor bike trail near his home in Scarborough when he was hit by a driver on Warden Avenue. According to witnesses, Edouard had the right of way, and the driver ran the red light.

"He just sailed right through. There weren't even any skid marks," Maisie said.

Edouard, 62, died at the scene. He was knocked unconscious immediately. Maisie takes comfort in the fact he didn't suffer.

The crash was so severe that Edouard's family was unable to donate his organs, something he had asked for in his will.

"I couldn't even fulfil his last wish," Maisie said.

After a 19-month legal battle, the driver responsible pleaded guilty to careless driving and received a $700 fine and six demerit points.

"The driver was 100 per cent at fault, and this is all we can hope for? I don't know what kind of message that sends," Maisie said. "No amount of money can bring my husband back. I get that.

"But $700? Is that really it?"

The pain never goes away, Maisie said.

"My husband left for a bike ride on a Thursday afternoon and never came back. Never getting a chance to say goodbye or tell him how much I loved him — it's enough to stop me in my tracks."

The couple was married for 30 years and liked to go on walks through their neighbourhood. Maisie has kept up the tradition.

Sometimes, she and her son Kevin go to the intersection where Eduard's life was cut short. Until recently, a white ghost bike had been there, complete with a Montreal Canadiens tuque, for Edouard's favourite team.

"It took me a while before I could go to the scene," Maisie said. "I would be walking there, and if a cyclist went by me, I would say, 'It's Ed.' All of a sudden everything would come back."

The hardest thing to accept about her husband's death is that "it was so preventable," Maisie said.

Through speaking out, she hopes other tragedies can be avoided.

"To remain silent is no good," she said. "These stories need to be told. People have to know what's going on."

Maisie LeBlanc and her son, Kevin, visit Warden Avenue and the Gatineau Hydro Corridor trail in Scarborough. Edouard Le Blanc, 62, was killed there in 2014, shortly after retiring from his job as a custodian at Sainte-Madeleine elementary school in North York. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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After weeks of setting up baits, hiding behind bushes, and patiently waiting, High Park Zoo staff finally captured one of their fugitive capybaras Sunday evening.

Another capybara still remains at large.

A High Park Zoo official confirmed the capture but was unable to provide any further details.

"It is resting off-site for now and we will have more updates later," said the spokesperson. "It was a team effort with parks staff, Toronto Wildlife Centre, and volunteers."

Emma Renda was taking a jog in High Park when she spotted about six people huddled near a pond on the south side of the park. A video she captured shows staff members hopping over a fence and running towards a capybara.

Rescuers high-five each other, left, just after capturing the giant rodent (concealed by a blanket). Right: An errant capybara is spotted at High Park on Tuesday night.

LEFT: TWITTER; RIGHT: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The fugitive rodents made their grand escape on May 25 at around 7 a.m.

Since then, zoo officials, numerous residents and even Mayor John Tory have been on the lookout for the fugitives, a member of the world's largest rodent species.

> It was a team effort.
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The hunt for the second capybara continues.

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'Nobody stood a chance': Witness

MASSACRE

Gunman dead after killing at least 50 at gay nightclub

It had been an evening of drinking, dancing and drag shows. After hours of revelry, the partygoers crowding the gay nightclub known as the Pulse took their last sips before the place closed.

That's when authorities say Omar Mateen emerged, carrying an AR-15 and spraying the helpless crowd with bullets. Witnesses said he fired relentlessly — 20 rounds, 40, then 50 and more. In such tight quarters, the bullets could hardly miss. He shot at police. He took hostages.

When the gunfire finally stopped, he had slain 49 people and critically wounded dozens more in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Mateen, who law enforcement officials said had pledged allegiance to Daesh in a 911 call around the time of the attack, died in a gun battle with SWAT team members.

Authorities immediately began investigating whether the assault was an act of terrorism and probing the background of Mateen, a 29-year-old American citizen from Fort Pierce, Fla.

Thirty-nine of the dead were killed at the club, and 11 people died at hospitals, Mayor Buddy Dyer said.

Jon Alamo had been dancing at the Pulse for hours when he wandered into the club's main room just in time to see the gunman. "You ever seen how Marine guys hold big weapons, shooting from left to right? That's how he was shooting at people," he said.

"My first thought was, oh my God, I'm going to die," Alamo said. "I was praying to God that I would live to see another day."

Pulse patron Eddie Justice texted his mother, Mina: "Mommy I love you. In club they shooting." About 30 minutes later, hiding in a bathroom, he texted her: "He's coming. I'm gonna die." As Sunday wore on, she awaited word on his fate.

At least 53 people were hospitalized, most in critical condition, and a surgeon at Orlando Regional Medical Center said the death toll was likely to climb.

The Orlando shooting started about 2 a.m., with more than 300 people inside the Pulse.

"He had an automatic rifle, so nobody stood a chance," said Jackie Smith, who saw two friends next to her get shot. "I just tried to get out of there."

Mateen exchanged gunfire with 14 police officers at the club, and took hostages at one point. In addition to the assault rifle, the shooter also had a handgun and some sort of "suspicious device," the police chief said.

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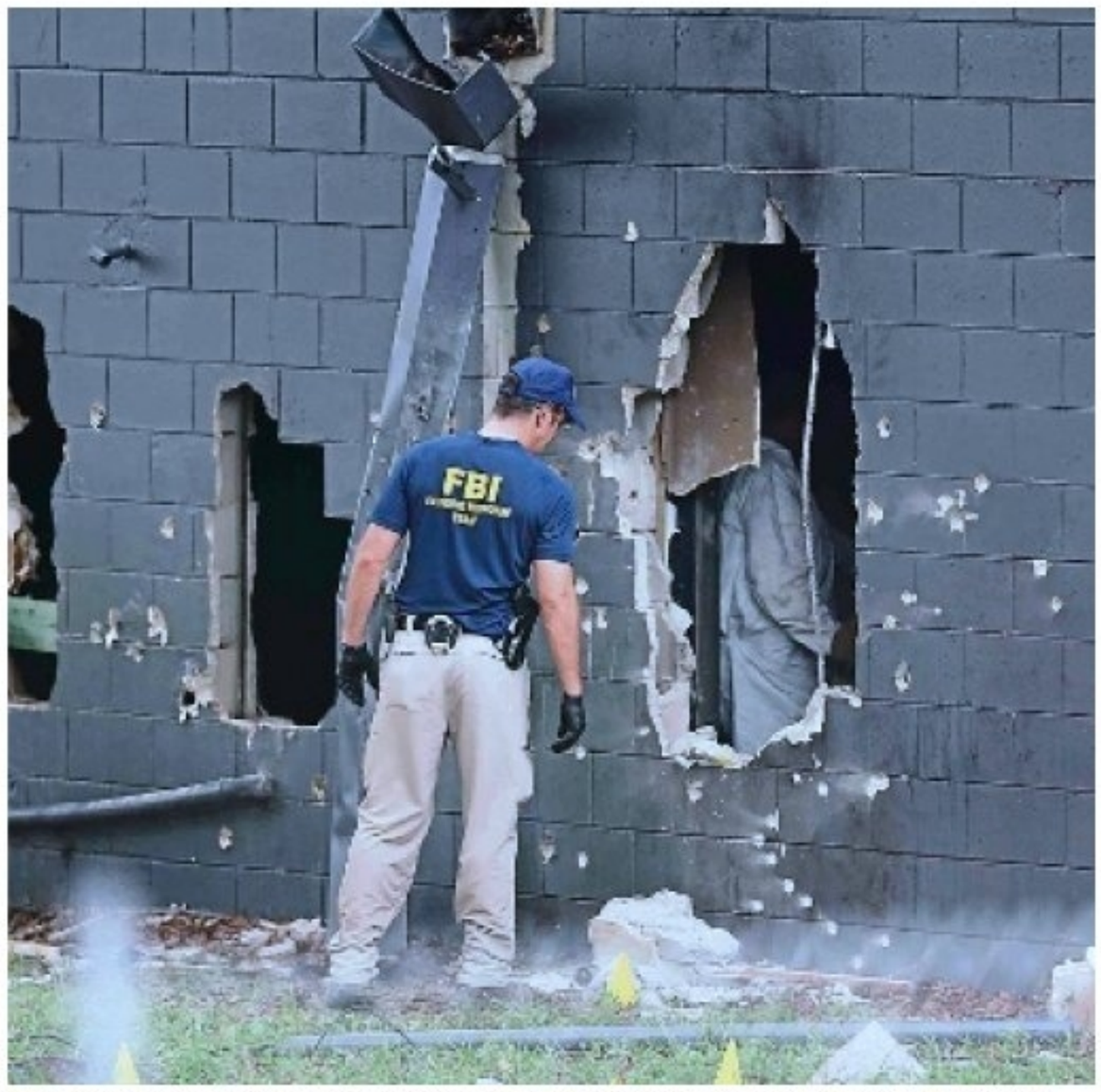
BACKGROUND

The previous deadliest mass shooting in the U.S. was the 2007 attack at Virginia Tech, where a student killed 32 people before killing himself.



FBI agents investigate the damaged rear wall of the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Fla., where a mass shooting killed at least 50 people and injured 53 others in what is the deadliest mass shooting in the country's history. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

REACTION

President Obama condemns attack

U.S. President Barack Obama decried the deadliest mass shooting in American history on Sunday as a terrorist act targeting a place of "solidarity and empowerment" for gays and lesbians. He urged Americans to decide "if that's the kind of country we want to be."

Hours after a gunman killed at least 50 people in Orlando, Obama said the FBI would investigate the nightclub shooting as terrorism but said the shooter's motivations were unclear. He said the U.S. "must spare no effort" to determine whether the suspect had any ties to extremist groups.

"What is clear is he was a person filled with hatred," Obama said. He added: "We know enough to say that this was an act of terror and an act of hate. And as Americans, we are united in grief, in outrage and in resolve to defend our people."

Obama had planned to travel to Wisconsin on Wednesday for his first campaign appearance of the 2016 race, a joint rally with Hillary Clinton in Green Bay, Wisconsin. But Clinton's campaign and the White House said that event was being postponed in light of the attack.

The president, who has proclaimed June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month, called the attack "heartbreaking" for the LGBT community. He said the site of the shooting was more than a nightclub because it was a place where people came "to raise awareness, to speak their minds and to advocate for their civil rights."

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PM REACTS

Canadian officials express their grief and sympathy

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau offered Canada's condolences to the victims, calling the massacre a "domestic terror attack."

Premier Kathleen Wynne wrote on Twitter that her thoughts are with the LGBT community.

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U.S. President Barack Obama addresses the mass shooting Sunday. ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

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‘Mentally unstable, mentally ill’

PROFILE

FBI, former wife describe shooter who idolized Daesh

He was a body builder and a security guard, a religious man who attended the local mosque and who at one point expressed interest in becoming a police officer, though he never pursued it.

Early Sunday, 29-year-old Omar Mateen gunned down dozens at a gay nightclub in Orlando, police said.

A law-enforcement official says Mateen was known to the FBI before the incident and had been looked at by agents within the last few years.

The official said the matter for which Mateen came under investigation was “open and closed pretty quickly.”

Mateen was the son of an Afghan immigrant who had a talk show in the U.S., the nature of which was not entirely clear: A former Afghan official said the program was pro-Taliban and a former colleague said it was enthusiastically pro-American.

A bomb disposal unit checks for explosives around the apartment building in Fort Pierce, Fla., where Orlando nightclub shooter Omar Mateen is believed to have lived. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Mateen attended evening prayer services at the city’s Islamic Center three to four times a week, most recently with his young son, said Imam Syed Shafeeq Rahman. Although he was not very social, he also showed no signs of violence, Rahman said.

> He would just come home and start beating me up because the laundry wasn’t finished or something like that.
>
> Omar Mateen’s ex-wife

“When he finished prayer he would just leave,” Rahman said.

He was also bipolar, Mateen’s ex-wife, Sitora Yusufiy, told reporters in Boulder, Colo.

“He was mentally unstable and mentally ill,” Yusufiy said. She said he would not let her speak to her family and that family members had to come and literally pull her out of his arms.

Yusufiy said she was “devastated, shocked, started shaking and crying” when she heard about the shooting, but she attributed the violence to his mental illness, not any alliance with terrorist groups.

She said he wanted to be a police officer and had applied to the police academy. Mateen was a security guard at G4S.

Authorities immediately began investigating whether the assault was an act of terrorism. A law enforcement official said the gunman made a 911 call from the nightclub professing allegiance to the leader of Daesh.

In 2014, FBI agent Ronald Hopper said, officials found that Mateen had ties to an American suicide bomber. He described the contact as minimal, saying it did not constitute a threat at the time.

Mateen purchased at least two firearms legally within the last week or so, according to Trevor Velinor of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

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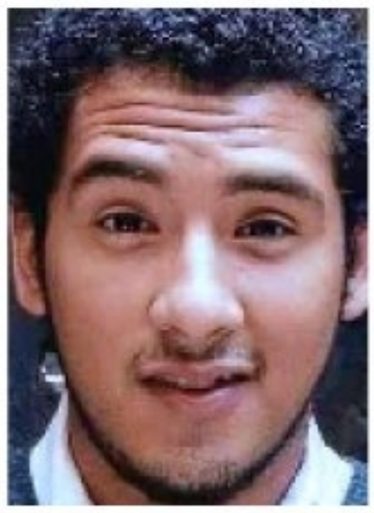

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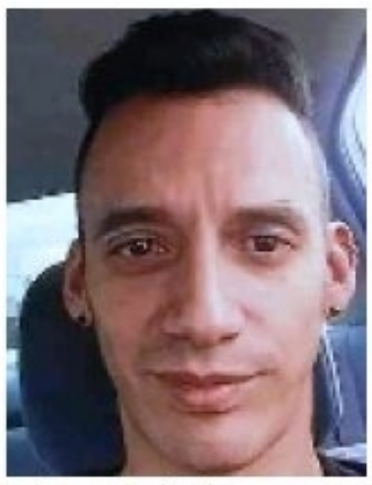

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Man detained with guns, explosives

CALIFORNIA

Suspect told police he was headed for gay pride event

An Indiana man armed with three assault rifles and chemicals used to make explosives was arrested in Southern California on Sunday and told police he was headed to a gay pride parade — an event that annually draws hundreds of thousands of people, authorities said.

The early morning arrest in Santa Monica of James Wesley Howell, 20, came just a few hours after the shootings in Orlando, though authorities said they had found no evidence of a connection between the suspects.

Residents called police to report suspicious behaviour from Howell, who was parked facing the wrong way in a white sedan, police said.

When officers arrived they saw an assault rifle sitting in Howell's passenger seat, Santa Monica police Lt. Saul Rodriguez said.

That prompted them to search the whole car. They found two more assault rifles, high-capacity magazines and ammunition and a five-gallon bucket with chemicals that could be used to make an explosive device, police said.

Santa Monica police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks had initially tweeted that Howell told officers he wanted to do harm at the gay pride event, but she later said that tweet was inaccurate, and that Howell only said he was going to the event.

The huge parade and festival known as LA Pride took place later in the day about seven miles away in West Hollywood.

Authorities would answer no further questions on Howell or his motives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Items removed from a car are displayed on a sidewalk after a heavily armed man was arrested in Santa Monica, Calif., on Sunday.
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Ideology often a 'mask': Expert

PSYCHOLOGY

Stated motives can simply be a final excuse for mass murder

Raging homophobia? Islamic radicalism?

Whatever motivation may emerge for the Sunday morning slaughter at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla., should be viewed with skepticism, an expert in mass shootings says.

Adam Lankford, a criminal-justice professor at the University of Alabama, says underlying mental-health issues typically drive such murders, with any ideological impetus being a grasped excuse to justify the carnage.

"There have been a lot of offenders in the past who claim an ideology," says Lankford, author of the 2013 book The Myth of Martyrdom: What Really Drives Suicide Bombers, Rampage Shooters and Other Self-Destructive Killers. "But we don't really think that what they said is why they did it or is the primary reason they did it."

The 29-year-old Mateen himself was killed by police, who soon described his rampage as a terrorist act. But his father, Mir Seddique, said his son may well have been driven by homophobic anger, having become enraged several months ago in Miami at the sight of two men kissing.

Lankford says there's a good chance Mateen will have left documents or Internet postings that would make his purported motivations clear.

"So if what we're interested in is what this guy claims is the reason for his attack, it's possible he'll give us the answer," he says.

"That's one answer, but then the broader thing is, once we hear this person claims a motive or doesn't, to what degree should we believe him?"

Omar Mateen, who authorities say killed dozens inside an Orlando nightclub on Sunday. MYSPACE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> It was their way of framing themselves as martyrs or heroes in their perspective.
> Criminal-justice professor Adam Lankford

Lankford says his book exposed "case after case after case" of killers who professed that Islamic fundamentalism was behind their carnage, but they "really seemed to care more about some combination of killing others and killing themselves," he says. "The ideology in their case was really kind of a mask. It was their way of framing themselves as martyrs or heroes in their perspective."

While ideology may not be the primary cause of mass killings, the one chosen often influences their location, Lankford says.

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VOICES FROM CANADA'S LGBT COMMUNITY

Coast-to-coast outrage

Metro sought out reaction to the Orlando massacre from prominent LGBT advocates in cities across the country. **Here's what some of them said.**

'This guy is a reflection of that five per cent of society who are bigots ... He didn't have the ability to raise a moral army, so instead he picked up a gun.' **MORGANE OGER**, VANCOUVER, CHAIR, TRANS ALLIANCE SOCIETY OF B.C.

'This is an extreme act of violence targeting not just individuals but an entire community, to eradicate a community.' **KRIS WELLS**, EDMONTON, INSTITUTE OF SEXUAL MINORITY STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

'Historically, LGBTTQ clubs have always been a bit of a safe space. To have this happen in a club like that — it's saddening.' **JEFF MYALL**, PRIDE WINNIPEG

'My heart goes out to the victims. Our community has suffered a tremendous loss. We must stand together.' **ELLEN PAGE**, HALIFAX, ACTRESS AND LGBT ACTIVIST

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Orlando will reveal bias as well as empathy

The bloodiest mass shooting in U.S. history has sent the country into shock. But the reaction was set in stone long before the first bullet was fired.

After a single man massacred 50 people at downtown gay club, Orlando, Fla,. "tragically sits atop a list of infamy, sharing the sorrow of Virginia Tech, Newtown, Conn., and Aurora, Colo," to quote the Orlando Sentinel newspaper. These sites of mass shootings are a new category of American city to which none aspires, and that are inevitably used as shorthand for conflicting beliefs.

"Liberals are going to scream gun control and Republicans are going to scream terrorism," my American fiancé told me. I had called him and his parents in the wake of news, as play-by-play coverage of the investigation and fallout rolled across American media.

"Mass shootings are the Rorschach test," he said. "Whatever you want to see in America, you see your issue in it. They get bigger and bigger. It's an epidemic, and whatever you think the cure is, the epidemic just proves it."

That isn't to say such issues — be it terrorism, gun control, LGBTQ hatred or mental health — are baseless. The gunman, Omar Mateen, did reportedly claim allegiance to the Islamic State in a 911 call before the attack, and ISIS has claimed responsibility. (Whether Mateen had any "direct link" to ISIS, or was simply inspired, remains unclear, the New York Times reported). Mateen reportedly acquired both the handgun and a long gun used in the attack legally. Mateen's father said that Mateen was recently greatly upset at seeing two men kissing. And who wouldn't wonder about the mental health of a mass murderer?

But the rush to diagnose races far ahead of the rush to understand because doing so lets us box the problem away, requiring no further thought, or even nuance. In this way we preclude any real progress toward preventing violence, and saving lives.

The right dismisses the left, and the left does the same, and the echo chambers increase hatred and violence as we skip straight to blame, noted my future father-in-law.

And what of the slain? As their names are slowly released, they battle with "terrorism" and "guns" for headline space, and our attention.

"We need to support each other, we need to love each other, and we will not be defined by a hateful shooter," said Buddy Dyer, Orlando's mayor.

The city might achieve that goal in practice, but the symbolism of its name has been set. And the nation was defined by the shooter before he took a single shot.

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"If someone tells you they have been sexually assaulted, take it effing seriously and listen to them."

Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns in his keynote speech to the Stanford graduating class on Sunday.

Some parents are using the publicity surrounding the sentencing of former Stanford student Brock Turner, seen above, to talk to their own children about sexual misconduct.

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How to talk about consent

ANALYSIS

It's never too early to teach kids about healthy sexuality

When a relative swoops in for an unwanted hug, Todd Minerson's kids don't grin and bear it.

"I teach my kids now, if you don't want to hug grandpa today, that's OK," said Minerson, a father to a 10-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl and executive director of White Ribbon, an organization promoting gender equality and challenging harmful ideas of masculinity. "That's (their) choice and he's going to respect that."

How to teach children about consent is one of the teachable moments sexual health educators are hoping to come from outrage over details in the Stanford University swimmer sexual assault case — in which a jury in March convicted student athlete Brock Turner, 20, of sexually assaulting an unconscious woman by a dumpster last year. That outrage intensified last week as the victim's impassioned letter spread online, along with Turner's father's in-court comments about "20-minutes-of-action" not warranting his son's six-month jail sentence.

Parents need to talk to their children about consent, healthy sexuality and about taking responsibility when they cause harm, educators say.

"It starts from birth," said Lyba Spring, Toronto sexual health educator, explaining that as babies, parents should use a gentle, loving touch with their child. As he or she grows, the parent should teach the dictionary names of all body parts, tell the child that touching oneself is OK but should be done in private, and help the child practise saying a big, affirmative "Yes."

Parents also must respect their child's "Nos." If a child doesn't want to be picked up, tickled or hugged, parents must accept that, said Spring.

The message needs to be clear: your body is your own, she said.

As children get older and conversations turn to sex, the message should evolve and include the three prerequisites for any sexual interaction: consent, safety and pleasure, said Spring. She tells students "substances and sexual activity are a bad mix," though it's one thing to be buzzed and another to be incapacitated — an unconscious person can't legally consent to sexual activity under the Canadian criminal code. If consent isn't clearly there, "You stop on a dime," she said.

But educators and anti-violence advocates admit even they have trouble answering tough questions about the nitty-gritty of consent.

"Nuance is hard," said Minerson. "There are a thousand different scenarios that in real life people could find themselves in. And they need to have the principles and strategies to figure them out themselves."

When working with groups of boys whose questions start going down a rabbit hole, Minerson comes back to the hallmark questions of consent: Is it affirmative? Is it enthusiastic? Is it ongoing?

"If you hear an answer that's anything but enthusiastically affirmative, it's not OK," he said.

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Keeping up with the Joneses is futile

SHOPPING

There are better ways to be happy than materialism

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

Metro columnist Gail Vaz-Oxlade says activities will enrich your life more than new possessions will. ISTOCK

Our willingness to exchange our life energy for stuff has become so acceptable that we don't even perceive it to be a problem. Why else would folks who have no money in an emergency fund, or nothing saved for the future, think it's OK to drop $5 for a cup of coffee or $200 on a new pair of shoes? Why do we celebrate shopping by lining up for hours to acquire the latest doodad or get the "best deal"? Why are we so much more willing to admire a person's outsides than their insides?

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"Rest assured," I said. "Those neighbours with all the nicer stuff have way more debt than you do."

Until folks recognize that their stuff does not define them are always going to have to keep buying more stuff. So much stuff that they'll actually have to go out and buy more space to keep all their great stuff.

The flip side of this is recognizing that "doing" does more for you than "having." The more time you spend reading, knitting, cooking, visiting, playing, laughing, dancing, preserving, creating, the more accomplished you will feel and the richer your life will be regardless of what your stuff looks like.

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Debby Sousa, 39, Medical Lab Technician, Cytology Department – LifeLabs, Toronto

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As a cytology technician, my job is to collect and accurately process patient specimens, which are small clusters of cells from tissue or body fluids. Essentially, I serve as the bridge between physicians and medical technologists, properly labelling and distributing patient vials while additionally assisting with specimen processing for the analysis and microscopic screening of cancer cells.

I am proud of my role in patient care. It's very fulfilling, and I enjoy being able to provide the best possible service for patients, fellow technicians and health care providers. The job requires impeccable attention to detail since it's such a vital service to the health care system. Most of all, I love being able to work with a diverse team that supports one another, encourages professional growth, and makes each day fun and unique.

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A medical laboratory technician can pursue additional education and training to become a medical laboratory technologist, which typically detects and monitors medical conditions through performing diagnostic tests on specimens. A technician may also earn qualifications for advanced roles as a phlebotomist, echocardiography technologist or cardiology technologist.

MURDER-SUICIDE

Grimmie attack was planned

A gunman who shot and killed a singer who rose to fame after appearing on The Voice travelled to Orlando from another Florida city specifically to attack her and then fatally shot himself, authorities said Saturday.

Orlando Police Chief John Mina said at a news conference that the suspect, identified as 27-year-old Kevin Loibl of St. Petersburg, Florida, didn't appear to know Christina Grimmie personally. Grimmie was shot to death after giving a concert in Orlando on Friday night. She died early Saturday.

"She was doing a meet-and-greet, just signing autographs and selling merchandise. This white male approached her and opened fire, striking her," Mina said.

"We believe he came here to commit this crime."

The 22-year-old singer from New Jersey finished third during season six of NBC's The Voice in 2014, competing on the team of Maroon 5 star Adam Levine. She began amassing a following on YouTube as a teenager, gripping online viewers with her powerful renditions of hit songs.

In an earlier statement, police said Grimmie had performed with the band Before You Exit at The Plaza Live in Orlando. The concert ended around 10 p.m., and Grimmie was shot as she signed autographs for fans at a merchandise table in The Plaza Live concert venue.

Christina Grimmie was shot as she signed autographs for fans at a merchandise table.
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Grimmie's brother, Marcus, immediately tackled the gunman, who then shot and killed himself during the struggle, police said. They credited the singer's brother with preventing the gunman from hurting others. Around 120 others were in The Plaza Live at the time.

"Very heroic actions by Marcus Grimmie to jump in and it definitely could have prevented further loss of life," Mina said.

After the concert, 17-year-old Kaitlin Martin was standing with a group of other fans outside The Plaza Live, waiting for members of Before You Exit to come out, when she heard several loud "pops."

"We thought at first they were balloons ... but then security started running all over the place yelling at people to get out because someone has a gun and someone is shooting. Everyone is just running all over the place," said Martin, who travelled to see to the concert from Brunswick, Georgia. "It was chaos."

Martin said she was unsettled knowing the suspect had watched the concert in the same audience she was in.

"This person was in the crowd with us, and while we were singing, having a great time, he was there with different intentions," she said.

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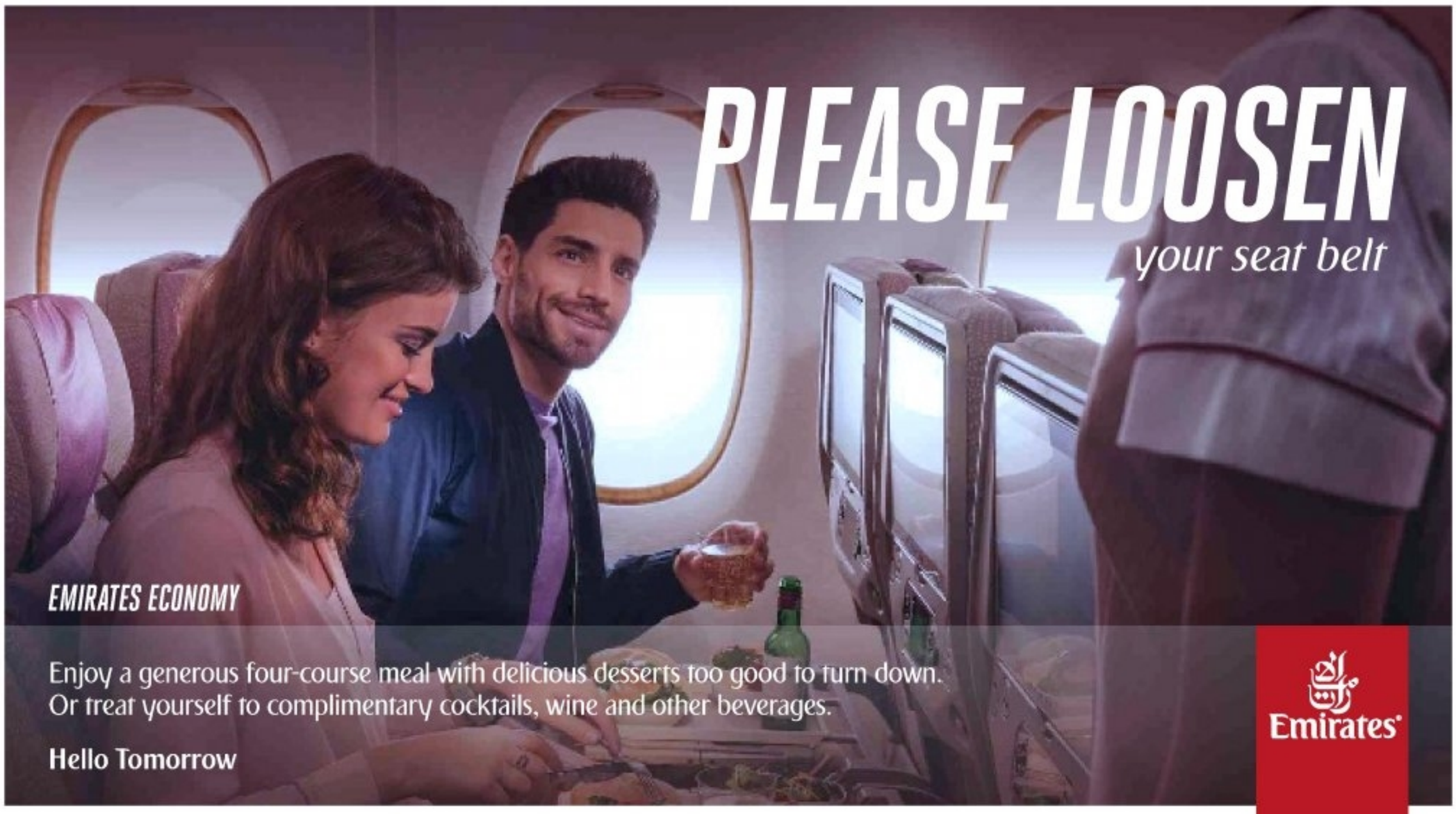
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NHL

Crosby fondly looks back on Howe

Sidney Crosby can't recall whether it happened during his first or second season in the league, but he remembers everything else about meeting Gordie Howe.

"Like anyone else, you don't even know what to say," Crosby said of his brief encounter with Howe.

Howe, also known as "Mr. Hockey," died Friday. He was 88.

Crosby described Howe as the ultimate role model, someone he was fortunate to have met.

The Pittsburgh Penguins captain remembers being struck by how kind and genuine Howe was.

"He's probably met so many people over the years, but I think for anyone who's met him, they'll tell you that he makes you feel pretty comfortable," Crosby said.

Like Wayne Gretzky, who has described Howe as his hockey idol, Crosby, too, was influenced by the longtime Red Wings great.

"The way he played, the way he conducted himself, he's a role model for a lot of people, including myself," Crosby said.

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WOMEN'S GOLF HENDERSON CAPTURES HER FIRST MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP
Brooke Henderson beat top-ranked Lydia Ko with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff Sunday in the KPMG Women's PGA Championship after overcoming a three-shot deficit on the back nine. The 18-year-old native of Smiths Falls, Ont., ranked No. 4 in the world, closed with a bogey-free 6-under 65 — the best round of the week at Sahalee in Sammamish, Wash. — to match Ko at 6-under 278. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

Jays cut it close vs. O's

MLB

Toronto lets big leads slip away before shutting door

Blue Jays reliever Jason Grilli says he's still getting used to the American League East.

"It's like a heavyweight boxing match every night," said the 39-year-old right-hander, who joined the Jays in late May from Atlanta. "No big lead is big enough from the sounds of it and from the looks of it."

That was almost the case Sunday as Toronto blew leads of 5-0 in the first inning and 7-1 in the third against Baltimore, eventually hanging on for a 10-9 victory. Grilli got a nervy first save as a Blue Jay, closing the door after putting the first two men on base in the ninth.

The Orioles hit five home runs, four of which came off Aaron Sanchez (6-1) who became the first Blue Jay to win a decision when surrendering four home runs. It marked just the fifth win in franchise history when allowing five homers — the last time was May 3, 1999, at Seattle.

Down 7-1, Baltimore used the long ball to get back to 7-6.

But Russell Martin drove a 1-1 pitch off reliever Mychal Givens deep to centre in the sixth to drive in Edwin Encarnacion and Michael Saunders and pad the Toronto lead to 10-6.

Adam Jones, with his second homer of the day and 11th of the season, made it interesting with a two-run shot off Pat Venditte in the eighth to cut the lead to 10-8.

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In the ninth, Manny Machado singled and Grilli walked Chris Davis and, after striking out Mark Trumbo, Matt Wieters to load the bases. Ezequiel Carrera hauled in a Pedro Alvarez fly ball with a fine catch at the fence, scoring Machado on the sacrifice fly. But Grilli struck out Jonathan Schoop to end the threat.

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Off on their right feet

EURO 2016
GROUP STAGE

World Cup 2014 champs beat Ukraine in its opening match

Germany began its campaign to add the 2016 European Championship to its 2014 World Cup with a promising 2-0 victory over Ukraine on Sunday.

Shkodran Mustafi's header set Germany on its way to a win that was sealed by substitute Bastian Schweinsteiger in the second minute of injury time, just two minutes after the midfielder had come on to the pitch.

The day's earlier matches both ended in 1-0 finals, with a wonder strike from Luka Modric seeing Croatia beat Turkey in a bruising encounter and Arkadiusz Milik scoring for Poland against Northern Ireland.

In the dying minutes of its match, Germany surged forward on the break and Mesut Ozil provided the perfect cross from the left flank for Schweinsteiger to hammer into the net.

"A Bastian Schweinsteiger is worth his weight in gold," Germany coach Joachim Loew said.

Schweinsteiger, who suffered his second serious knee injury of the year in training on March 22 and hadn't played since, could barely believe the way his luck had turned.

German centre back Jerome Boateng clears a ball off of Manuel Neuer's goal-line on Sunday in Lille, France. DENIS CHARLET/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

If he went on the pitch, he went with a really positive attitude.

Luka Modric on the pitch invader who joined him and his Croatian teammates in celebration on Sunday.

"Incredible that something like this can happen, you can only wish for it," he said.

There were similar feelings for Modric after he met a high clearance with a 25-metre shot that beat Volkan Babacan in the Turkey goal.

The Real Madrid midfielder wasn't aware that a Croatia fan had breached the stadium security and got onto the pitch to celebrate with the players.

"After scoring this kind of goal I didn't even notice at first," Modric said of the incident. "If he went on the pitch, he went with a really positive attitude."

Poland fully deserved its victory over a Northern Ireland side that looked out of its depth on the big stage.

With Poland forward Robert Lewandowski, qualifying's top scorer, marked out of large stretches of the game, there was space for others to make an impact. One was attacking midfielder Milik, who scored the decisive goal with a low shot in the 51st minute.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic's Sweden side plays Ireland on what should be a great day of soccer on Monday. Spain, which is bidding for a third consecutive European crown, takes on the Czech Republic in its opening match, while the action ends with a promising Belgium side facing Italy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Green banned for possible Warriors clincher

Golden State star Draymond Green was suspended for Monday's Game 5 of the NBA Finals after the league assessed a Flagrant 1 foul from his scuffle with Cleveland's LeBron James.

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Hamilton wins another Canadian Grand Prix

Lewis Hamilton seems to own the Canadian Grand Prix.

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The Briton powered his Mercedes AMG to the chequered flag Sunday, holding off Sebastian Vettel's Ferrari over the final 32 laps to claim the race at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve for a second year in a row and the fifth time overall. The win leaves him only two short of Michael Schumacher's victories record at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 red wine vinegar
- 1/2 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 cups of slightly stale, crusty bread, cubed
- 4 tomatoes roughly chopped
- 1 cucumber peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 yellow pepper
- 1/2 red onion finely sliced or chopped
- 1/2 cup pitted black olives
- 1/2 cup or so of shaved Parmesan

Directions

1. Pour oil, vinegar, Dijon and salt and pepper into a small jar, place the lid on and shake well.

2. In a large salad bowl, toss together the bread, tomatoes, cucumber, pepper, onions, black olives and Parmesan.

3. Drizzle the salad with some dressing and toss, then repeat, giving the bread a chance to drink up the dressing. You want the bread to be moist but not drowned.

4. There will be more dressing than you need, but you'll need more than you'd use for a regular salad as the bread will drink it up.

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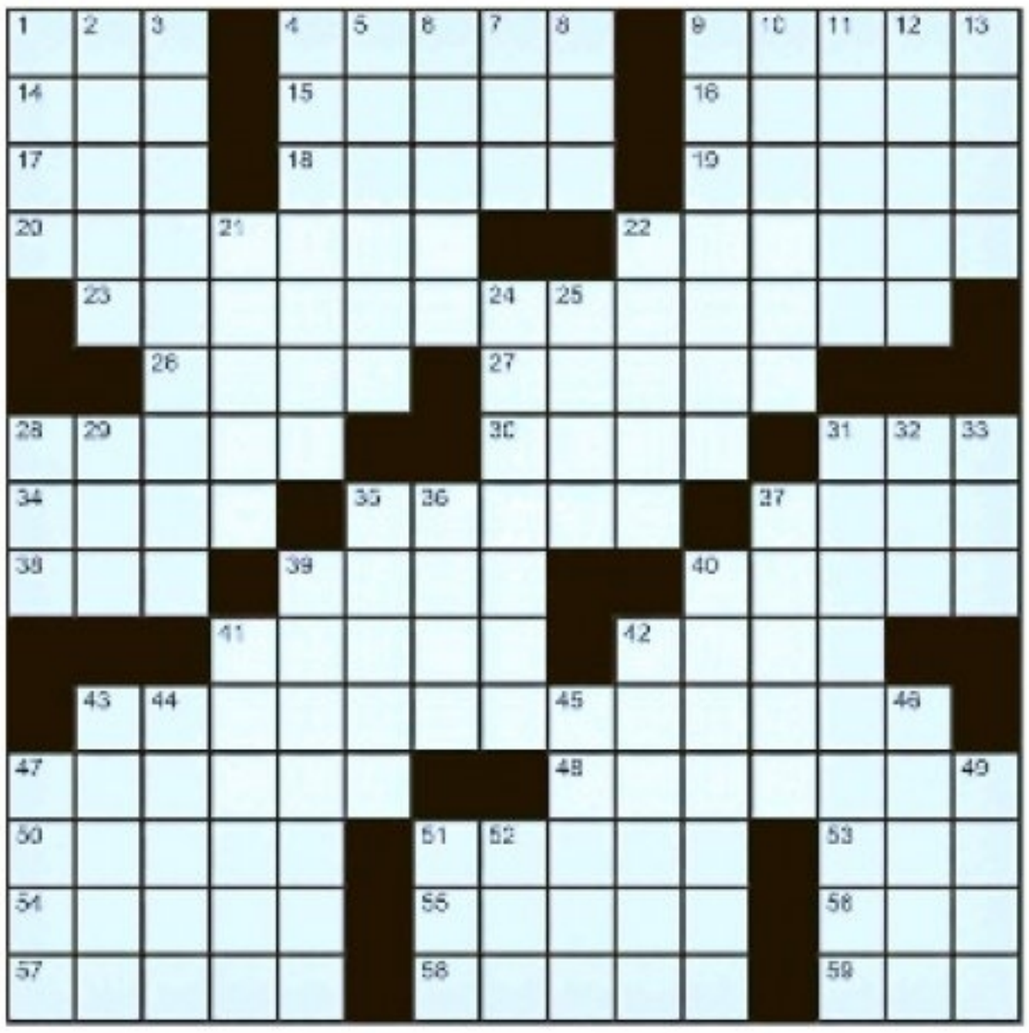

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9. Donald of Steely Dan
14. Yore's 'before'
15. "All true!": 2 wds.
16. Sheep-like
17. Mr. Asner's
18. Toast's border
19. _ _ _ _ _-r-t-i-o-n-i-s-t (Acrobat)
20. Dog, when responding to a throwing-a-stick human
22. Arizona city in "Get Back" by The Beatles
23. Cultural attraction in Victoria, founded in 1886: 3 wds.
26. Thurs. followers
27. Montreal stop sign word
28. Just joking: 2 wds.
30. Some bar drinks
31. Pussycat Dolls hit: "Don't _"
34. Views
35. Intelligent individuals institution
37. Decked out
38. Dept. head
39. Streetside eatery
40. Ray Charles' instrument
41. Shindig
42. Cottage's left-out garbage rummager
43. Long-running CBC Radio One program about news in the world of science: word + symbol + word
47. Radio dials
48. Like the not-in-the-oven-yet tinfoil-wrapped potato
50. Risky/complicated
51. Picture
53. Nightfall
54. Brief beginning
55. Ranked
56. Fresh
57. Dutch painter Jan
58. Manicure board
59. Sample

DOWN
1. Gripe
2. Harmony
3. It's what the owners accept in a real estate bidding war: 2 wds
4. Shackle
5. Chef's mushrooms
6. Little write-up
7. '_' _ for Edmundston
8. Sleuth [abbr.]
9. Sharpens the image
10. Shorebird with stilt-like legs
11. TV-advertised knife set brand
12. Insects sci.
13. Arcade Fire album: '_ Bible'
21. Billy Ray _
22. _ _ profit (Make money)
24. '80s police series, "_ _ Lacey"
25. Hosp. pictures
28. 'Tour' suffix
29. Positive opp.
31. Character co-created by Canadian cartoonist Joe Shuster: 2 wds.
32. Role for Harrison in '77
33. Rumpus
35. Targets
36. Tiny amphibians
37. Single-named American songstress
39. CSNY song on 1970's 'Deja Vu': 2 wds.
40. Broadcasting award since 1941 that says 'University of Georgia' on it
41. Saint-_ et Miquelon (Islands in Atlantic Canada which belong to France)
42. Lightly-hitting player at bats
43. Mod fashion icon in 1960s Britain, Mary _
44. Amalgamate
45. Citation
46. Lop
47. "Analyze _" (1999)
49. Moist, as morning grass
51. Prior
52. Performer

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is an exciting, upbeat day for you! You will enjoy meeting new faces and seeing new places. Unexpected news might catch you off guard. (It's not a boring day.)

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Keep an eye on your finances, because they are unpredictable today. For example, you might find money or you might lose money. Likewise, guard your possessions against loss or theft.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You feel impulsive and impetuous today! You easily might do something strange on a whim. Invite someone to share a good time with you, or accept unexpected invitations yourself.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Some kind of hidden treasure might come your way today. If it does, be aware that this window of opportunity is brief, so you will have to act fast. Just say, "Yes!"

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might meet an unusual character today who is intriguing. Or possibly, someone you already know will do something that amazes you. (People intrigue you today.)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might develop a crush on your boss or someone in a position of authority today. Or perhaps, this person will bestow a gift on you or do a favor for you. Fingers crossed!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Sudden opportunities to travel might fall in your lap today. Others might get an opportunity for further training or education. If so, act fast, because this opportunity won't last long.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Surprise gifts and goodies might come your way today, so be receptive to this. Do not hesitate. Accept what is offered, because you deserve it.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A friend or partner might surprise you in a lovely way today. This is a great day to deal with others, even members of the general public. Expect to be pleased.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A surprise raise or praise from others will delight you today. You might also get a chance to make your workplace look more attractive.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A surprise invite to a fun event will please you today. Enjoy partying with others, especially with children.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You might spontaneously entertain at home today, even though it is not planned. Therefore, be prepared and stock the fridge.

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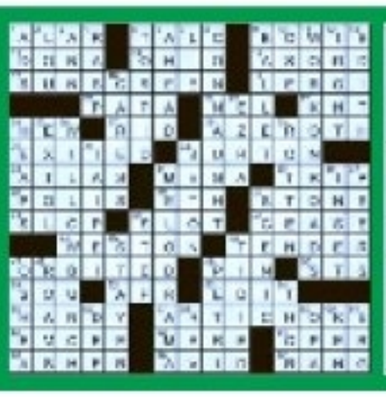

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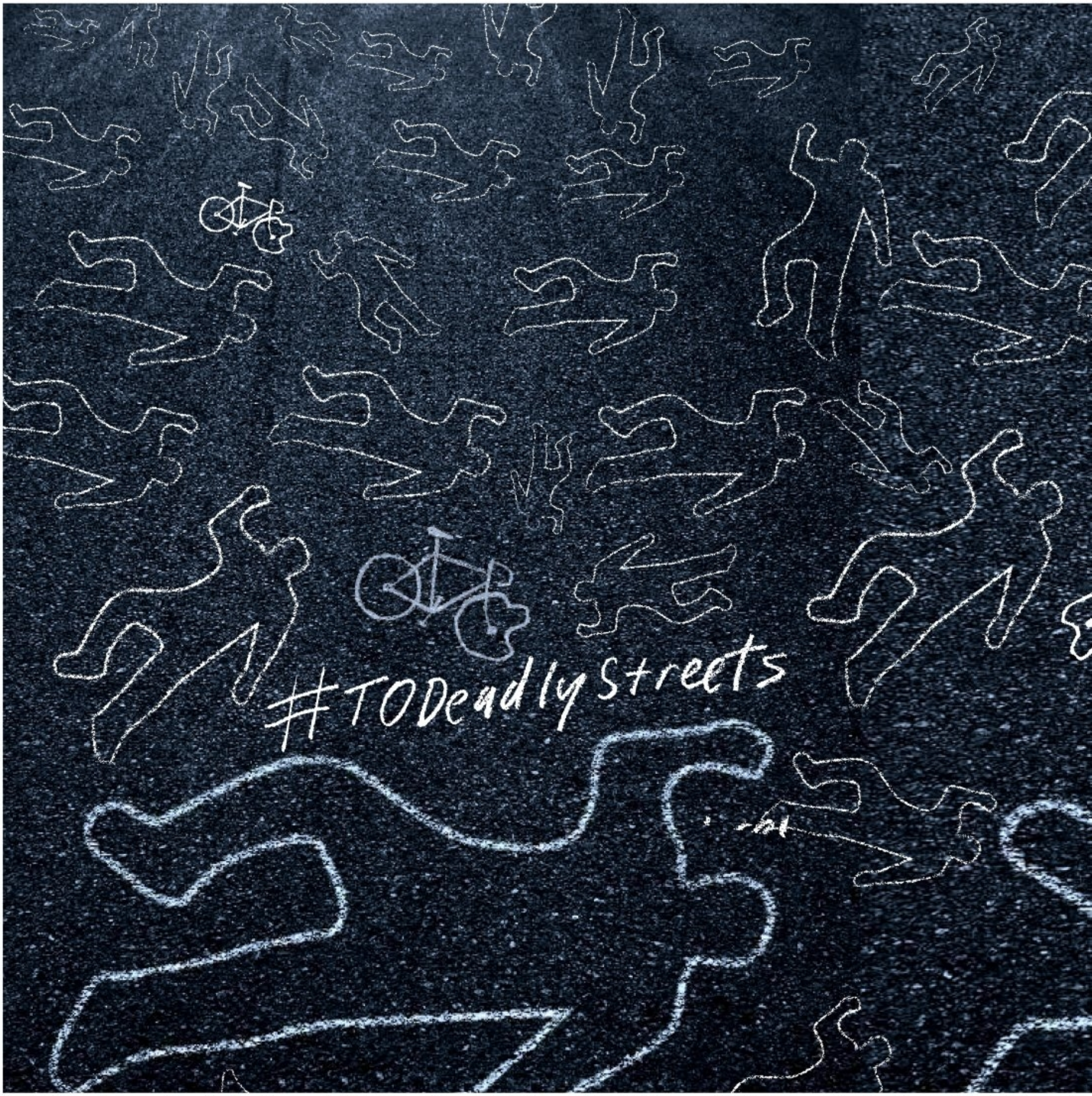

Sun. Jan. 3 A 39-year-old man was hit by a driver while crossing Kennedy Road.

Sun. Jan. 17 A 79-year-old man was struck while crossing Sheppard Avenue.

Fri. Jan. 15 An 85-year-old woman was hit while crossing Bayview Avenue at Eglinton.

Sat. Jan. 30 A 90-year-old woman was hit while crossing Dufferin Street.

Thurs. Jan 28 A 49-year-old woman was crossing Dundas St. West when she was hit by a left-turning bus. She died in hospital on Feb. 2.

Wed. Feb. 10 An 84-year-old man is hit by a driver who jumped the sidewalk on Wedgewood Drive. He died in hospital Feb. 13.

Sat. Feb. 13 A 72-year-old woman was hit as she attempted to cross Finch Avenue.

Thurs. Feb. 18 A 74-year-old woman was hit by a right-turning van while crossing Secord Avenue. She died in hospital Feb. 21.

Thur. Feb. 18 A 70-year-old man was killed after he fell on to the road and was hit by a TTC bus.